

<p>Maidstone Canoe Club Meeting Minutes 26th July 2023.</p> <p>Apologies: Charlotte Fife, Leanne Jordan, Geoff Licence, Reece Nelmes, Jon Lock.</p> <p>Present: John Simmonds, Paul Fife, Matt Clegg, Catherine Dacey, James Copeland, Claire Norman, Holly Sherridan, Geoff Orford,</p>	
<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>Club running well, everyone seems to be pulling their weight.</p> <p>Kids Club thriving, some on explore course, another 2 new members this week.</p> <p>Touring Award completed 6 participants passed, Larry O'Connell now a provider.</p> <p>Another course will be run if there is sufficient demand.</p> <p>Need to begin to enthuse members to join the Committee next Year, Chairman, Secretary and Welfare Officer , Membership Sec required.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>CD attended the FWA meeting. MCC are to hold a Winter Series Race on 17 November.</p> <p>All the admin is done by the FRA MCC supply competitors food, refreshments, turn Marshalls and Safety at portages, a starter and finisher. Most races see approx. 100 entrants over 3 distances.</p> <p>Next Meeting 7th September via Zoom, CD to ask LJ if she will take this on.</p> <p>CD attended MRUA Meeting on 25 July. There are 725 registered boats (cruisers) on the Medway.</p> <p>Inland Waterways are launching a campaign. This is to protect our waterways, their funding is being cut and they are campaigning for more money and better co working with other river and canal organisations.</p> <p>The She Paddles funding expires on 1st August. CD has asked the trainees to book and pay for assessments before this date.</p>	CD
<p>Treasurer / Membership Secretary's Report:</p> <p>A figure of £30,000 has been allocated to the new build this will leave a deficit at the end of the year.</p> <p>Current membership 250.</p> <p>Propose to keep 5 years rent/ rates in the account for lean years.</p> <p>JS to print dated boat stickers , he will give them to JC to distribute.</p> <p>This will help identify private boats more easily and will show who has not paid for their boat.</p> <p>GO provided a boat list of private boats to help audit.</p> <p>CD /JC to let GO have query list following Audit.</p>	CD/ JC
<p>New Build :</p> <p>Doors fitted and vertical boat racks being tested along with the horizontal racks.</p> <p>Committee Members and Coaches Boats being used as a trial to assess the suitability of the racking and the ease of use. Decision to be made Mid August on the final format of the racking.</p> <p>Reece to plan lighting for the store side JS to send Plan.</p> <p>Secure bar similar to Canoe store to be a temporary fix to allow members to store boats until the Paxton system is fitted.</p> <p>It is felt that a small shipping container should be purchased to keep non paddling equipment in and to use as a work space.</p> <p>HS to ask for a quote for the additional Paxton system. HS and RN to liaise</p>	HS / RN

<p>Bosun Report BA's were tested and there were no failures. JC to update the list. BA's being loaned for raft race at the river festival on 29th July. Need to purchase more drain bungs, JC has tied all existing bungs to the boats as they are mislaid when the boats are emptied. Also need to purchase airbags for the larger boats as this makes them easier to empty. HS stated that she purchased a large quantity for the cadets and went direct to Palm who gave a very good deal. JS/ HS to get a quote. In the absence of a Racing Boat Bosun, the audit of private boats has stalled. Racing team to be approached to help audit the boats. A full list of Club racing boats is to be drawn up and the boats are to be identified and those of most use to be made accessible. £3400 has been spent on boats this year, 14' Expression, 12' Carolina, 2 x Red SUP's, Mamba, Stratos14.5, & x dynamo's. News Update to go out stating that as soon as the boat shed is ready members will be contacted about their needs and stickers and spaces will be issued.</p>	JC
<p>Maidstone River Festival: Andrea Head is running the safety cover, Also requested cover for the SUP race, working with KCSR AH has supplied an RA for the event which JS is happy with. GO and SH to give out the BA's on the day, a £5 deposit will be required for each one, this will be returned when the BA is returned. A list of BA No.Name, Address and contact number to be taken from each person who borrows a BA to ensure they all come back.</p>	
<p>Coach Development MC has completed his PSRC Provider Course. He will run 2 sets of courses per year for 2 years at the club for club members. There will be a nominal charge for these courses to cover the certification fee and to prevent no shows on the course. CD to advise MC of this decision. Coaches have asked for the purchase of safety equipment to use on courses, in the past throwlines and slings have been purchased, The locked lockers are to be opened to see if the equipment is there.</p>	CD
<p>Charging Club members for Courses. The Committee have taken the decision to make a small charge for members booking courses. This will be the approximate cost of the certification fee. This is being introduced as members are booking on courses and then not attending, this stops others who were waiting to do a course from doing so. CDG to provide certification amounts for Explore, Touring Award, PSRC, the payment will be due on sign up.</p>	J/S
<p>Anti Social Behaviour There has been a number of incidents involving teenagers at the Club, a member was assaulted with a phone cable, another two members have had their boats thrown into the river by these teenagers. The Police are involved and the crime numbers are on the white board in the club. The details of how to report incidents are to be put on the news update, any incident must be reported to the police and to the committee.</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed at 9.35pm Next Meeting 13th September @ 7.30</p>	